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(54) Title: NOVEL IFNGAMMA-LIKE POLYPEPTIDES

(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses novel open reading frames (ORFs) in human genome encoding for ORFs character-  
ized for polypeptides having at least one activity of human Interferon gamma, and reagents related thereto including variants and  
fragments of said polypeptides, as well as the encoding nucleic acids and ligands directed against them. The invention provides  
methods for identifying and preparing these molecules, for manufacturing pharmaceutical compositions containing them, and for  
using them in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases.



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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 37, 38, 41  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
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2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 13, 14, 16-18, 20, 23-27, 30, 31, 33-41, 47  
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## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.  
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## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

## Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 37,38 and 41 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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## Continuation of Box I.1

Claims Nos.: 37,38,41

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

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## Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 13,14,16-18, 20, 23-27,30,31, 33-41,47

Present claims 13,14,16-18, 20, 23-27,30,31, 33-41,47 relate to an extremely large number of possible compoundss. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the antibodies, antisense oligonucleotides and siRNAs.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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